Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—If the concrete suggestion is that we should be furnished with British Indian High Court Law Reports will that request be granted?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The question will be considered when the suggestion is made.

Taxable income—reciprocal arrangement with Br. India and the other Native States.

55. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) with a view to avoid double taxation, has any reciprocal arrangement been made with British India and the other Native States in the matter of income-tax on income derived by Cochinites from outside Cochin and by non-Cochinites from Cochin;

(2) if so, what is the nature of the arrangement;

(3) is income-tax levied on the income of such of the Cochinites as well as non-Cochinites, who do not get a taxable income from Cochin but whose total income from Cochin and from outside Cochin together, is not less than the taxable limit;

(4) if the answer to (3) is in the affirmative, what is the total number of Cochinites and of non-Cochinites who are so charged;

(5) are Government aware that while according to our Income-tax Regulation and the rules made thereunder, a non-Cochinite is not entitled to any refund of the income-tax paid on the shares owned by him in a Company registered and doing business in the Cochin State, a Cochinite owning shares in British Indian Companies is entitled to get a refund in part or in toto of the income-tax paid on such shares the amount of refund depending on his total income;

(6) if the answer to (5) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to see that the same treatment is meted out to the non-Cochinite as the one which a Cochinite gets from the British Government?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—(1) Reciprocal arrangement is made with British India but not with any Indian State.

(2) An assessee who is doubly taxed in Cochin and in British India would get refund of an amount equal to the tax

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paid in Cochin. Half of it would be refunded from Cochin and half from British India.

(3) Residents in Cochin would be taxed if the income accruing to them in Cochin and the income brought into Cochin from outside together exceed the assessable minimum. Non-residents would be taxed if the income accruing to them in Cochin and income accruing to them outside Cochin from business connection in Cochin together exceed the assessable minimum. The distinction is between residents and non-residents and not between Cochinites and non-Cochinites.

(4) As there are no separate statistics regarding assessees of this sort, the information cannot be furnished.

(5) Government are aware that in British India a Cochinite is entitled to get refund of tax on dividends when his personal rate is less than the rate at which companies are taxed and that in Cochin non-resident foreigners are not entitled to get refund under similar circumstances. Resident foreigners can get refund of tax on dividends in Cochin.

(6) Under the existing provisions of the Regulation, nothing can be done in the matter.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Do you propose to make any arrangement with Travancore?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—Arrangements are being discussed with Travancore.

Cut motion regarding the introduction of one rupee franchise.

56. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the cut motion regarding the introduction of one rupee franchise, passed at the last Budget Session?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government come to a decision before the next election?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—It is not possible to give any definite answer. But efforts will be made. The very object of the resolution is that it may be useful before the next election. Efforts will be made, but no definite promise can be given.

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